BEFORE THE POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

EXPERIMENTAL RATE AND SERVICE CHANGES TO IMPLEMENT NEGOTIATED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH CAPITAL ONE SERVICES, INC.

Docket No. MC2002-2

MOTION OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE FOR LATE ACCEPTANCE OF REPONSE TO INTERROGATORY OCA/USPS-10

The United States Postal Service hereby moves that its response to OCA/USPS–10, which was filed on November 15, 2002, be accepted late. The Postal Service recognizes that this response is significantly late. The delay was due to the press of business during the period of completing discovery, preparing for hearings, and the hearings themselves, and the need to coordinate with staff not involved in this case or related matters. Given the extremely tangential relation of the question to the actual subject matter of this case, the Postal Service does not believe that the delay has created a hardship to any participant.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

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